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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, MONDAY, JULY 28, 1975

FOR BREMER AND COVEY FROM S/PRS

FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SPOKESMAN ANDERSON'S RESPONSES AT  
TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING:

1. TURKISH BASES --

(A) MANSFIELD STATEMENT: ANDERSON VOLUNTEERED SECRETARY'S COMMENT.

(B) STATUS OF OPERATIONS AT BASES: ACTIVITY AT ALL NON-NATO BASES HAS BEEN SUSPENDED. QUESTIONED ON WHETHER THIS INCLUDED SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITY, ANDERSON ON BACKGROUND REPLIED THAT IT DID.

(C) STATUS OF US PERSONNEL AT BASES: AMERICAN PERSONNEL HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE.

(D) EFFECT ON US DEFENSE CAPABILITIES: WE HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO PRESIDENT'S OR SECRETARY'S COMMENTS LAST WEEK.

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(E) LEGALITY OF TURKISH DECISION: QUESTIONED ABOUT TURK-

ISH STATEMENT FRIDAY THAT US-TURKISH MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENTS WERE NO LONGER VALID, ANDERSON EXPRESSED OUR VIEW THAT 1969 AGREEMENT REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL RENEGOTIATED. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO RENEGOTIATE.

(F) US PROTEST: ANDERSON SAID WE HAVE NOT PROTESTED BUT HAVE MADE KNOWN OUR VIEWS REGARDING THE 1969 AGREEMENT.

(G) ADMINISTRATION'S ATTITUDE TOWARD TURKISH ACTION: RESPONDING TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS SUGGESTING THAT US, WHICH HAD NOT PROTESTED TO TURKS, WAS SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS OR SATISFIED WITH TURKISH ACTION, ANDERSON SAID IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE HOW ANYONE COULD COME TO SUCH A CONCLUSION, AND RECALLED ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY OVER PAST WEEKS AIMED AT FORESTALLING TURKISH MOVE. US WILL BE HAVING FURTHER TALKS WITH TURKS; WE DO NOT HAVE TIMETABLE.

(H) NEXT STEPS WITH CONGRESS: ADMINISTRATION IS CONSIDERING PRESENT SITUATION IN LIGHT OF HOUSE ACTION BUT HAVE MADE NO DECISIONS.

2. AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM FOR JORDAN -- QUERIES ON POSSIBLE JORDANIAN AGREEMENT TO A REDUCED PACKAGE AND POSSIBLE COMPROMISE WITH CONGRESS, ANDERSON SAID WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH JORDAN AND WITH CONGRESS IN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE MATTER.

3. MIDDLE EAST DISENGAGEMENT -- ANDERSON SAID QUESTIONS REGARDING STATUS OF ME NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO SECRETARY. THERE WERE QUESTIONS ON PROSPECTS FOR SETTLEMENT DURING AUGUST AND ON WHETHER EGYPTIANS OPPOSED US TECHNICIANS FOR EARLY WARNING SYSTEM. ON QUESTION REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH ISRAELIS DURING SECRETARY'S ABSENCE, ANDERSON SAID HE ASSUMED THERE WOULD NOT BE A HIATUS AND THAT CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION EXISTED, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SPECIFICS.

4. ANGOLA -- 225 US CITIZENS AND DEPENDENTS REMAIN IN ANGOLA. DEPENDENTS OF US OFFICIALS LEFT LAST MAY AND OTHER US DEPENDENTS WERE ADVISED TO LEAVE. LAST FRIDAY ALL NON-ESSENTIAL US CITIZENS WERE ADVISED TO LEAVE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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TEN LEFT SUNDAY. THERE ARE NO PRESENT PLANS TO CLOSE THE CONSULATE GENERAL. INGERSOLL

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